

## **Continuing Education in Clinical Social Work**

Continuing education of Clinical social work teaches the enhancement and maintenance of psychosocial functioning of individuals, families, and small groups. Continuing education in Clinical social work practice can also teach the professional application of social work theory and methods for the treatment and prevention of psychosocial dysfunction, disability, or impairment, including emotional and mental disorders. It uses knowledge of one or more theories of human development within a psychosocial context. The perspective of person-in-situation is central to clinical social work practice.

Continuing education of Clinical social work services consists of assessment; diagnostic impression; treatment, including psychotherapy and counseling; client-centered advocacy; and evaluation. It includes direct client intervention, client centered supervision and client centered consultation. It involves the scientific, artful, ethical application of social work theories and methods of assessment, opinions, diagnostic impression, prevention and treatment. Assessment of interpersonal relationships, mental health status, family dynamics, environmental stresses and supports, social systems and the impact of physical, emotional and mental illness and disability on the clients functioning.

Continuing education of Clinical social work also includes crisis intervention, case management and client centered advocacy. Education to help the social worker to design treatment methods to provide the client opportunity to express himself or herself, and fostering an atmosphere of candid self-observation, expectations of change and amenability to facilitate such change.

Clinical Social Work focus on the needs, interests and welfare of the client. The goal of clinical social work practice is to relieve a client's psychosocial distress; to help the client to modify barriers preventing them from realizing their potentials.